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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Office Action dated August 23, 2006.

Amendment

Page 1 of the specification has been amended to replace docket numbers with corresponding US Application numbers in the Co-Pending Applications. Additionally, Page 16 of the specification has also been amended to correct a typographical error in the brief description of drawings. The Applicant submits that no new matter is introduced.

Double Patenting

In response to the provisional statutory double patenting rejection, claim 1 has been amended so that it is no longer coextensive in scope with claim 25 of copending Application No. 10/542,454.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 103

The subject-matter of claim 12 has been incorporated into claim 1. The Examiner has already indicated (page 4 of the Office Action) that claim 12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been successfully traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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